



October 13, 2015

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, October 8, 2015, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), spoke via telephone with Amy Bender, legal advisor to Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, to discuss matters in the above-referenced proceedings.

Specifically, NTCA discussed materials recently submitted by the association and other rural telecom stakeholders related to suggestions by certain Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) offices for potential reforms of federal universal service support mechanisms. *See Ex Parte* Letter from Lynn Follansbee, USTelecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Sept. 25, 2015). NTCA discussed the need for clarity regarding questions that are still outstanding on the current record relating to those ideas and other potential aspects of reform, as well as the ongoing efforts necessary to understand, examine, and analyze such concepts and proposals. *See Ex Parte* Letter from Lynn Follansbee, USTelecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Oct. 2, 2015).

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano
Michael R. Romano
Senior Vice President – Policy

cc: Amy Bender